

## Winchester High School Summer Reading 2025

Choose at least one book (see exceptions) from your course's list below. Read it at any point during the summer. After you have completed the book, compose a response on the Google Form linked on the Winchester High School website by the first day of school, Thursday, September 4. The response will be used as a completion grade in your English class. Please know that you are encouraged to read as many books as you wish, regardless of whether they come from this list, a series on this list, or your own inspiration.

Links are provided to the Winchester Public Library's Overdrive ebook listing of the text, but you may access the book through purchase or library loan as well. Happy reading!

### Grade 9 CP

[Don't Ask Me Where I'm From](#), by Jennifer De Leon

[Dear Martin](#), by Nic Stone

[If I Was Your Girl](#), by Meredith Russo

[Animal Farm](#), by George Orwell

[Girl in Translation](#), by Jean Kwok

[Under a Painted Sky](#) by Stacey Lee

[The Iliad](#) (Graphic Novel) by Gareth Hinds (2025 Authorfest)

Poe: Stories and Poems: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Gareth Hinds (2025 Authorfest)

[The Enigma Girls](#) by Candice Fleming

### Grade 9 Honors

[Don't Ask Me Where I'm From](#), by Jennifer De Leon

[Dear Martin](#), by Nic Stone

[The Song of Achilles](#), by Madeline Miller

[Rebecca](#), by Daphne du Maurier

[All the Light We Cannot See](#), by Anthony Doerr

[Messy Roots](#), by Laura Gao

[A Walk in the Woods](#), by Bill Bryson

You're the One That I Want, by Simon James Green

Google It: A History of Google, by Anna Crowley Redding

[The Priory of the Orange Tree](#), by Samantha Shannon

### Grade 10 CP

[Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda](#), by Becky Albertalli

[Mexican WhiteBoy](#), by Matt de la Peña

[Darius the Great Is Not Okay](#), by Adib Khorram

[Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim](#), by Patricia Park

[Long Way Down](#), by Jason Reynolds

[All My Rage](#), by Sabaa Tahir

### Grade 10 Honors

[The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume I](#), by M. T. Anderson

[Homegoing](#), by Yaa Gyasi

[Little Fires Everywhere](#), by Celeste Ng

[Special Topics in Calamity Physics](#), by Marisha Pessl

[The Namesake](#), Jhumpa Lahiri

[On Earth We Were Briefly Gorgeous](#), Ocean Vuong  
[How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents](#) by Julia Alvarez  
[How To Read Literature Like A Professor: A Lively And Entertaining Guide To Reading Between The Lines](#), by Thomas C. Foster

### **English 11CP**

[A Hope in the Unseen](#) by Ron Suskind  
[Into the Beautiful North](#) by Luis Alberto Urrea  
A.D.: New Orleans After the Deluge by Josh Neufeld  
The Porcupine of Truth by Bill Konigsberg

### **British Literature Honors**

[Dracula](#), by Bram Stoker  
[The Picture of Dorian Gray](#), by Oscar Wilde  
[1984](#), by George Orwell  
[Emma](#), by Jane Austen  
[Swing Time](#) by Zadie Smith  
[The Buried Giant](#) by Kazuo Ishiguro

### **11AP English Language and Composition**

Note: The first book is required. Please select two more of your choosing.

[The Autobiography of Malcolm X](#), by Malcolm X  
[Just Mercy](#), by Bryan Stevenson  
[There Are No Children Here](#), by Alex Kotlowitz  
[The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#), by Rebecca Skloot  
[The Making of Asian America](#), by Erika Lee  
[The Sixth Extinction](#), by Elizabeth Kolbert  
[The Omnivore's Dilemma](#), by Michael Pollan

### **Gender Studies**

[Alias Grace](#), by Margaret Atwood  
[Reading Lolita in Tehran](#), by Azar Nafisi  
[Becoming](#), by Michelle Obama  
[She Said](#), by Jodie Cantor, Megan Twohey  
[Fine: A Graphic Novel About Gender](#), by Rhea Ewing  
[Beauty Queens](#), by Libba Bray  
[Redefining Realness](#) by Janet Mock  
[Hood Feminism](#), by Mikki Kendall  
[The Feminine Mystique](#) by Betty Friedan

### **Graphic Novel**

Worm, by Edel Rodriguez  
One! Hundred! Demons! by Lynda Barry  
Chicken with Plums, by Marjane Satrapi  
The Singing Bones, by Shaun Tan  
Family Style, by Thien Pham  
Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice, by Tommie Smith, Derrick Barnes and Dawud Anyabwile

## **Comedic Literature and Performance**

[Me Talk Pretty One Day](#), by David Sedaris

[Cat's Cradle](#), by Kurt Vonnegut

[Bossypants](#), by Tina Fey

## **Literature and Film**

Note: Please select one book and view the film.

[The Shining](#), by Stephen King

[Black Mass](#), by Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill

[Harlem Shuffle](#), by Colson Whitehead

**Film:** *Modern Times*, directed by Charlie Chaplin

## **World Literature**

[A Thousand Splendid Suns](#), by Khaled Hosseini

[The Heritage: Black Athletes, A Divided America and the Politics of Patriotism](#), by Howard Bryant

[Pachinko](#), by Min Jin Lee

[Half of a Yellow Sun](#), by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

[Hell of a Book](#), by Jason Mott

[Say Nothing](#), by Patrick Radden Keefe

[Interior Chinatown](#), by Charles Yu

## **Modern Culture and Media**

[Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days That Changed the World](#) by Chris Wallace

[Last Night At The Telegraph Club](#) by Malinda Lo (Authorfest 2025)

[All About the Story: News, Power, Politics, and the Washington Post](#) by Leonard Downie Jr.

[Giannis: The Improbable Rise of an NBA Champion](#), Mirin Fader

[How to Giggle: A Guide To Taking Life Less Seriously](#) by Hannah Berner & Paige Desorbo

## **12AP English Literature and Composition**

Required: [Twenty-One Poems for the AP Exam](#)

Then pick one of the following novels to read:

[Ceremony](#), Leslie Marmon Silko

[Things Fall Apart](#), Chinua Achebe

[Atonement](#), Ian McEwan

[Salvage the Bones](#), Jesmyn Ward

[Exit West](#), Mohsin Hamid

[The Kite Runner](#), Khaled Hosseini

Note: Additional suggested texts can be found [here](#). If you have time, please peruse according to your interests.